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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-034092 discloses a method which controls the directionality of a microphone array.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-207490 discloses an example of a microphone array algorithm. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the present application.
3. J. Oga, "Acoustic Systems and Digital Processing", discloses fundamental concepts of a microphone array.

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		2002-034092	1/31/02	Japan			Abstract
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	Jurou Oga, "Acoustic Systems and Digital Processing", pp 180-191(1995).

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